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FOR ACSI. SGD HILL.

1. (U) GERMAN PRESS HAS REPORTED PUBLIC RUMORS AND OFFICIAL DENIALS THAT REINHARDT GEHLEN (AN ARMY RESERVE LT GENERAL) WILL RESIGN THIS FALL AS DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE BECAUSE OF REACHING THE AGE OF 62. PRESS ALSO REPORTED, AS OFTEN BEFORE, THAT A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR WOULD BE BRIG GENERAL GERHARD WESSEL.

2. (C) NEITHER OCA NOR ARMA IS AWARE OF ANY INDICATIONS CONFIRMING RUMOR OF GEHLEN'S RETIREMENT. BOTH BELIEVE WESSEL WOULD BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION IF RUMORS PROVE TRUE.

3. (FOAO) THE CURRENT TRIAL AGAINST ALLEGED COMMUNIST INFILTRATORS IN GEHLEN'S ORGANIZATION HAS RECEIVED WIDE PRESS COVERAGE AND WILL DOUBTLESS GIVE RISE TO CONTINUING CRITICISM OF GEHLEN AND RUMORS OF HIS RESIGNATION.

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